

## THE GAZETTE.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 18.

[COMMUNICATED.]

The following selection may be interesting to some of the many readers of the Gazette in these days of false philosophy, &c.:

**HISTORY BEFORE NOAH.**—There is one peculiar feature of the record of the church of the first dispensation which it is important to understand and see in its bearing as a clue to the remarkable longevity of the human race at that period—so great that two single lives, Adam and Methuselah, cover the whole dispensation between creation and the flood, and indeed overlap two hundred and forty-three years beside. This fact explains to us how it was that even by natural means the history of that remote period might easily be carried down to a point within reach of the era of recorded history. It is one of the common mistakes of men, in looking over the sacred history, to dwarf down the whole history of the race anterior to Moses to a single hazy, indefinite point, and therefore to imagine that all sacred history must be peculiarly hazy and indefinite, if not purely a work of imagination.

Now a little attention to the record of this chapter will correct that error. It will be seen that but two lives intervene between Adam and Abraham, the two with Adam's covering the half of the whole era between creation and the flood of Christ; so that in fact the events of the fall and death of Abel were really no further back in history to Abraham, than are the events of the capture of Quebec by Wolfe in 1760, to the school boys of the present time in our country. Even supposing you had no history of the defeat of Braddock, if your fathers tell you what their fathers reported to them from the eye witnesses of their fathers who were actors, it would be tolerably reliable testimony. Yet precisely such is the information which Abraham and Job had of the transactions in the fall. Shem could tell Abraham, with whom he was contemporary one hundred years, nearly what Lamech, his grandfather, had reported to him, and who lived also contemporary with Adam fifty years; nay, if you please, what Methuselah had told Shem after being contemporary with Adam two hundred and forty-three years.

Thus it will be found that the first two thousand years of the world's history is reduced to the testimony of but two of our generation—the testimony of a grandfather to the son. Even as late as the birth of Isaac there stood Shem to report and testify what Lamech and Methuselah had told him from Adam.

## CITY ITEMS.

UNFADING LOVELINES belongs only to the immortal, but whoever uses the fragrant Soporin can at least defy time to injure one of the elements of beauty, a good set of teeth. dec-16

WORSTED COATS, with Vests to match, for \$25; new and handsome styles. GEORGE C. HENNING, No. 410 7th street, N. W., Washington, D. C. dec-16-eolw

## Extraordinary Inducements Offered.

Do not delay to secure bargains at

SAREPTA CLOTHING HALL, 80 KING ST.

I. SCHWARTZ & CO.

Have now on hand an immense stock of

OVERCOATS, TALMAS,

and heavy Winter Suits—all of which will be

sold at remarkably low prices. Their stock of

FURNISHING GOODS

cannot be excelled in variety and quality, and

will be sold at greatly reduced prices. Call

early at 89 King street. dec-14

Special Notice—GENTS' EXTRA FINE

BOOTS AND SHOES. We have just received a

fresh supply of Gents' Extra Fine, hand-sewed

Boots, Shoes and Slippers, of every description,

which we unhesitatingly recommend to be the

very best on sale in the city. W. B. WADDEY, No. 74 King Street, Alexandria, Va. oct-3

LADIES' MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S BOOTS

AND SHOES.—We are this day receiving a full

line of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Boots and

Shoes, suitable for fall and winter use, embracing

all of the styles now in use, which we confidently

believe to be the very best stock in the city.

We solicit purchasers to call and examine

for themselves, as they will be sold at low

prices. [oct-3] WADDEY'S, 74 King St.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

To the Sheriff of Alexandria County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the

Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company

to appear before the Judge of the County

Court of Alexandria, at the Court House of said

county, on the first day of November term, 1872,

to show cause, if any it can, why the report of

the commissioners made on the application of

the Alexandria and Fredericksburg Railway

Company and returned to the said Court, 1872,

should not be confirmed and recorded, and

that it shall in no wise omit, under penalty of

one hundred pounds, (£100) and have then and

there this writ. Witness, David M. Hunter,

Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House,

above said, this 16th day of October, 1872, and

the 5th year of this Commonwealth. A copy, test:

dec-17 DAVID M. HUNTER, Clerk.

WANTED.—Employment wanted by a

YOUNG MAN, 19 years old, who is

willing to make himself generally useful. Having

a widowed mother to support, he feels there is

no time to be lost, so he begs employment at

once. A moderate salary only asked. Best of

references given. Enquire at this office.

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STRAYED from my place, near Buckland,

SPRAYED from my place, near Buckland,

branded "O" on left jaw; also one MULE, deer

or mouse colored, branded "D" on left jaw. For

their return to me a reward of \$20 each will be

paid. H. KEENEY, Buckland, Pr. Wm. co., dec-17-3e

LACE COLLARS! LACE COLLARS!

A fine assortment of

PATENT VALENCIENS LACE COLLARS

## AUCTION SALES.

By L. D. Harrison, Auctioneer.

EXTRAORDINARY SALE OF ALL VARIETIES OF TOYS AND GOODS SUITABLE FOR THE HOLIDAYS, at No. 92 KING STREET. Will be sold, commencing on WEDNESDAY, December 18th, at 10 o'clock a. m., (A. H. Nott & Bro's. wholesale rooms), at ten o'clock a. m., and 7 p. m., and continued day and night until the entire stock is sold, a large assortment of CHRISTMAS GOODS. Dealers and housekeepers will find it greatly to their advantage to attend this sale, as goods must be closed out. Every lot and every article will be sold. [16-3e]

**PUBLIC SALE.**—In consequence of the death of one of the proprietors, there will be sold at public auction, at the residence of the subscriber, at "Cedar Grove," near Accotink, Virginia, on MONDAY, the 23rd of December, 1872, at 10 o'clock a. m., the personal property upon the said estate, consisting of about THIRTY HEAD OF CATTLE, five Horses, one Mule, a lot of Sows and Grade Essex Pigs, one thorough-bred Essex Boar. Also an extensive lot of Wagons, Carts and Implements of every description; Corn, Potatoes, Straw, Turnips, Potatoes, Vinegar, &c. with interest and approved security, upon all sums of \$20 and upwards; under that amount, cash. dec-9-2w

W. GILLINGHAM.

**VALUABLE DAIRY AND TRUCK**

**FAIRM FOR SALE.**—At the request of

the owner, I offer for sale the Dairy and Truck

Farm "EDGELY." This property is situated

one mile northwest of the Court House, and

consists of a FRAME DWELLING 16x36

containing four rooms, and a basement; stable and barn 45x25; a

splendid well of water in the yard, with a never

failing stream of water running through the

place, and the proximity to this city and quality of

soil make this place a very desirable one. If

not disposed of before the 28th instant, it will

be offered at auction on that day (SATURDAY)

at 11 o'clock, at the Market House. For terms

and other information apply to

ROBERT BELL, JR., at the Postoffice.

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By F. A. Kerby, Auctioneer.

**COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF VALU-**

**ABLE CITY PROPERTY.**—In execution

of a decree of the Circuit Court of Alexandria

county, rendered on the 24th day of November,

1870, in the suit of Charles Alexander and

others against John B. Alexander, the undersigned

will offer for sale, at public auction, in front of

the Court House, in the city of Alexandria,

on SATURDAY, the 16th day of November,

1872, at 11 o'clock a. m., the following de-

scribed LOTS in the city of Alexandria, viz:

1. A SQUARE OF TWO ACRES, bounded

by Wythe, Madison, Patrick and Henry streets,

containing 10,890 square feet, or 1/4 of an

acre, and a half, bounded by Wythe, Madison,

Payette and Payne streets; the other fourth

of the square lying on the north side of Wythe

and east side of Payne street, and belonging to

the estate of Gustavus B. Alexander.

2. A SQUARE OF TWO ACRES, bounded

by Pendleton, Wythe, Payette and Payne streets,

containing 10,890 square feet, or 1/4 of an

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## BOOTS AND SHOES.

LADIES' FINE SHOES AT

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

LADIES' HANDSOME BUTTON BOOTS

AT WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

LADIES' WALKING BOOTS—A splendid

stock, at very low prices, at

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

LADIES' PARLOR AND TOILET SLIP-

PERS, Ladies' French Kid Broadway, La-

dies' Lasting Broadway, Turkey Morocco Broad-

way, Patent Kid Toilets, Cashmere Toilets, Last-

ing Toilets, Serge and Carpet Slippers, in every

style and quality, at

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

LADIES' LASTING BOOTS—A large stock

with a great variety of new styles, beautiful

and very cheap, at

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

NEW STYLES LADIES' GAITERS AT

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

MEN'S LASTING BOOTS, in every style,

quality and price, at

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

MEN'S WALKING AND SCHOOL

BOOTS—A large stock in every style and

quality; prices low, at

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

MEN'S FINE BUTTON BOOTS AT

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

GENTLEMEN'S FINE DRESS BOOTS

AND SHOES—A large stock of new styles,

very handsome, of the best quality and at low

prices, at WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL AND WALKING

BOOTS—A large stock and great variety of

styles, at very reduced prices, at

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

INFANTS' BOOTS AND SLIPPERS—A fine

stock, in every color, style and quality, at

very reasonable prices, at

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

BOYS' AND YOUTHS' DRESS SHOES—A

good stock of new styles, of fine quality, at

low prices. WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

BOYS' KIP BOOTS, Boys' Calf Boots,

Boys' Calf and Kip Boots, Children's

Kip and Calf Boots, at greatly reduced prices, at

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

LADIES' MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S

RUBBERS AT

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

A LARGE STOCK OF HEAVY GOODS,

suitable for the country, to which we in-

voke the special attention of country merchants,

as they will be sold very low for money.

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

CHILDREN'S BOOTS, new styles, at

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

LADIES' HOUSE SHOES—Large stock and

great variety, suitable for old ladies, at

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

BOYS' AND YOUTHS' BOOTS, Kip and Calf,

good and cheap, at

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

LADIES' FINE WALKING BOOTS AT

WADDEY'S, 74 King street.

DRY GOODS.

NEW GOODS.

Just received—

Black Gro. Grain Sacks, Prints.

Toughed Goods, 10-14 and 11-14 Sheetings.

Pillow Case Cottons, Ginghams.

10-14 and 11-14 Blankets, some very fine.

Cassimeres and Clets.

Real Oil Cloths for halls, Water-proofs.